10 LC 94 3239

House Resolution 2089

By: Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Smith of the 113th, Byrd of the 20th, Butler of the 18th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Taiwan for its relations with the United States; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in March of 2008, Taiwan held its fourth direct presidential election and
- 3 witnessed a peaceful transition of political power, paving the way for Taiwan as a beacon of
- 4 democracy in Asia and beyond; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States are longstanding allies who both deeply cherish
- 6 the values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and Taiwan have enjoyed long, cordial, and mutually
- 8 beneficial sister-state relations since 1984, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each
- 9 passing year; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' ninth-largest trading partner, and the United States
- 11 is Taiwan's third-largest trading partner; and
- 12 WHEREAS, today, the government of Taiwan has committed itself to achieving peace and
- 13 co-prosperity with mainland China; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Taiwan is an active member in the international community with a long history
- 15 of commitment to international health and humanitarian aid as well as environmental
- 16 protection.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 18 the members of this body commend and support the democratization efforts of Taiwan and
- 19 the nation's meaningful participation in the World Health Organization, the International
- 20 Civil Aviation Organization, and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

10 LC 94 3239

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body hereby welcomes all opportunities to develop

- 22 the special sister-state bond between Georgia and Taiwan, and encourages further cultural,
- 23 educational, and business exchanges between the citizens of Georgia and Taiwan.
- 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Larry R.L. Tseng,
- 26 Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.